

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated December 1, 2005, claims 3, 36, 37, 55, 56, 73, and 75-79 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 2, 4, 12, 14, 17, 26, 28, 30, 35, 38, 44, 47, 57, 59, 66, 68, 69, 74, 80, 86, and 91-94 have been amended. Claims 96-100 have been added.

The office action has been reviewed in detail and the applicant has decided to accept the allowed/objected claims and revisit the issue of the rejected claims in a divisional application in order to expedite the issuance of a patent. By this action, applicant is not acquiescing to or admitting to the position of the examiner but recognizes that, by this action, a patent on some claims will be most efficiently issued. Therefore no arguments are presented against the cited art at this time.

Claims have therefore been presented which are equivalent (exactly or substantially) to the claims which have only been objected to.

Claim 1 is the combination of original claims 1 and 3.

Claim 2 is the combination of original claims 2 and 3.

Claim 35 is the combination of original claims 35, 36 and 37.

Claim 44 is the combination of original claims 44, 55 and 56.

Claim 74 is the combination of original claims 74 + 75 + 76 + 77 + 78 + 79.

Claim 96 is the combination of original claims 44+ 46+49

Claim 97 is the combination of original claims 2 + 92

Claim 98 is the combination of original claims 1 and 92

Claim 99 is the combination of original claims 1 + 94

Claim 100 is the combination of original claims 2 + 94

By these combinations, some claims had become redundant and were cancelled.

The non-objected claims were also cancelled which should allow for the allowance of all of the above claims.

CONCLUSION

Reconsideration is respectfully requested. The examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at (952) 253-4106 if there are unresolved issues.

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